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A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Final orders have not yet issued but alternative suggestions as in clause (b) have been made.

(c) The Council did not specifically say that it was willing to bear the entire cost of the Chairman if it were allowed to elect him.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (c) may I ask the hon. the Minister to be good enough to say whether, if the Council is willing to bear the entire cost of paying its chairman, the Government will permit them to elect their chairman ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The question is under consideration, and the Government would have no objection to let the Council have its own way. ”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—“ Sir, it is stated that it is proposed to restrict the chairmanship to engineers or people with similar special qualifications. If it is a fact, I want to know whether the Council will be given full liberty of choice ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The answer is in the negative. ”

Toll-gates in the North Arcot district.

321 Q.—Mr. M. ABDULLA GHATALA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that great hardship is caused to the public of the North Arcot district by the location of toll-gates at very short distances ; and

(b) what steps have been taken, or are proposed to be taken, to reduce the number ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) A report will be called for.

Medical.

Compulsory retirement of certain Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

322 Q.—Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether there is a proposal to replace Sub-Assistant Surgeons in taluk headquarter hospitals by the more highly-paid Assistant Surgeons ;

(2) whether certain Sub-Assistant Surgeons in permanent service were compulsorily retired without allowing them to enjoy the leave earned by them, while others older in years and also in service were retained ;

(3) whether the Government have permitted local bodies to have their own medical men in all the medical institutions in their charge excepting those at taluk headquarters ; and

(4) whether the Government propose to reconsider the case of such Sub-Assistant Surgeons as have been compulsorily retired ?

A.—(1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 165.

(3) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(4) The answer is in the negative.